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1. The coal stocks of the East German railroads consisted of 170,322 tons on 22 December, an increase of 18,042 tons since 8 December. Hard coal stocks, however, showed a decrease of 7,300 tons. According to the present daily coal consumption quota of 23,520 tons, the available coal stocks are adequate for 7.2 days' requirements. Preliminary figures for the period ending on 6 January show the existence of coal supplies adequate for 7.1 days of operation. Thirty-one percent of the total stock consisted of hard coal.
2. A very high backlog of undispached cars shows that operational difficulties were experienced by the East German railroads in December. The number of damaged cars increased slightly.

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